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Status		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>10 December 2002</u> . 2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final. 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-20,24 and 25</u> is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed. 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-20,24,25</u> is/are rejected. 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to. 8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). 11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action. 12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120		
13) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some * c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.		
14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application). a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 15) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.		
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1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____. 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.		

DETAILED ACTION

In view of Applicant's arguments made in the Brief, the Finality of the Office Action, Paper No. 8 is hereby withdrawn and the following action taken:

1. Claims 1,6-20,24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The presence of apertures, perforations, slits, or cuts critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976). See page 9 of the present specification.
2. Claims 1-5,15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Morgan et al (3,994,771), Bredendick et al (5,861,081), Tseng et al (5,652,035), Atkins (2,130,375), Milliken (2,113,431 or 2,281,945) or Bletzinger et al (2,9350,223).

The claims are rejected for the reasons given in the Office Action, Paper No. 8.

3. Claims 6,7,17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan et al (3,994,771), Bredendick et al (5,861,081), Tseng et al (5,652,035), Atkins (2,130,375), Milliken (2,113,431 or 2,281,945) or Bletzinger et al (2,950,223).

The claimed density, thickness and coefficient of friction would have been obvious result of forming the sheets of the prior art into multiply ply products. The coefficient of friction is an obvious result of optimizing the blends of hardwood and softwood fibers and softening agents.

4. It is noted that if the independent claims are properly amended to include limitations of apertures and thickness index of at least 4, the claims would be allowable.

5. The arguments have been considered. In addition to the reasons given in the Office Action, Paper No. 8, the following is noted: The claims do not specify any degree of increase of thickness upon plastic extension of the substrate. In as much as the prior art are tissue papers containing slits or apertures, it reasonable to expect that some degree of extension would occur upon plastic extension of the substrate. It is also noted that the independent claims are not commensurate with the Applicant's arguments or for that matter the specification as the claims do not even require apertures.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Chin whose telephone number is (703) 308-2046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on (703) 308-1164. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7718 for regular communications and (703) 305-3599 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0651.



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